Atrocities on Christian Missionaries

4633. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received representations against the atrocities committed against the christian missionaries in India;

(b) if so, the action taken on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Representations as and when received are forwarded to the concerned State Govts. for taking appropriate action under the law, as 'Public Order' appears at Entry No. 1 under List II-State List of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is the responsibility of the State Govts. to maintain 'Public Order' which is a State subject. The attention of the State Govts. is drawn from time to time for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities by issuing guidelines from time to time. The latest guidelines on communal harmony were issued by the Central Govt. to all the States/UTs on 22.10.1997 suggesting various measures for controlling the communal situation. The Central Govt. also assists the State Govts. by sharing the intelligence and providing Central Paramilitary Forces as and when necessary.

Smuggling of Uranium

4634. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a powerful international gang aided by Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) agency and backed by a section of the Bihar Police and the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) have been smuggling out highly radio active uranium from mines of Bihar;

(b) if so, the action taken so far to prevent the same; and

(c) whether any person was arrested in connection with the uranium smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Government has no information regarding smuggling of radio active uranium from mines of Bihar.

However, on June 30, 1998, P.S. Muzaffarpur (Bihar) recovered two pounds of material in sealed packets with the marking made in USA-Uranium-2 pounds, half kilo explosives in Horlicks bottle, 500 grams of Gunpowder, 3 hand made bombs, some detonators etc.

On examination of packets suspected to contain Uranium in the laboratory, it turned to be a type of resin used in plastic industries. 3 persons have been arrested under the Explosive Substance Act.

Coordination Committee to Tackle Naxalite Menace

4635. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a coordination Committee headed by Union Home Secretary has been set up to effectively tackle the Naxalite menace in the country;

(b) if so, the terms of reference and composition thereof;

(c) the areas affected by the menace; and

(d) the strategies proposed to combat the extremists?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.